

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: House Bill 1058

COMMITTEE: Environmental Matters

POSITION: Support

**TITLE: Environment – Sewage Sludge Utilization
Permits – Local Notice**

BILL ANALYSIS:

This legislation would require the Department to mail a copy of a permit application to utilize sewage sludge to the legislative body and any elected executive of a county and to the elected executive of any municipal corporation where the sewage sludge utilization site is to be located, and to the legislative body and any elected executive of any other county within 1 mile of the sewage sludge utilization site.

POSITION AND RATIONALE:

The Department supports House Bill 1058. The Department is already required to notify the County governments of the County in which a proposed sewage sludge utilization site is located, and if it is within 1 mile of a County line, the government of the other County that lies within 1 mile. Municipal governments are also already notified, per the existing law. This bill clarifies to whom the Department must send the information, specifying that when the Department receives an application for the use of sewage sludge, the legislative body, e.g., the County Commissioners or Council, the County Executive if there is one, and the mayor or other head official of an incorporated municipality, must be sent notice of applications for sewage sludge utilization within their County or town, or within 1 mile of their County.

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